

Amendment No. 1 to HB1326

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 1125**

**House Bill No. 1326\***

by deleting all language following the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-115(g)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(A) When a child is placed in a foster home by the department or otherwise, and becomes available for adoption due to the termination or surrender of all parental or guardianship rights to the child, those foster parents shall be given first preference to adopt the child if the child has resided in the foster home for twelve (12) or more consecutive months immediately preceding the filing of an adoption petition, provided, however, that preference for the adoption may be given to a relative with whom the child has a substantial relationship.

(B) For the purposes of this subsection (g)(1), "relative" means any person who was a legal relative as defined by § 36-1-102 prior to a termination of parental rights or surrender.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.